GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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SMUGGLING OF NARCOTICS
DALPAT SINGH PARASTE

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the India has become a major transit point for heroin smuggling and unauthorised exports of drugs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the use of heroin in the country itself has increased as a result of India becoming a big centre for international narcotic trafficking; and

(d) the reasons for failure to apprehend and prosecute major narcotic offenders?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) & (b) : Sir, On account of India`s proximity to the two major opiate producing regions of South Westand South East Asia, some heroin produced in these regions transits through India and this makes India prone to drug trafficking.

(c) : Figures of heroin users (beneficiaries registered) available with the Government do not suggest that there is an alarming increase in the use of heroin in the country.

(d) : There has not been any failure on the part of the enforcement agencies to apprehend and prosecute major narcotic offenders.